Smuggled goods seized are as under:

1992	
Silver	— 762 slabs
Silver	— 651 Kgs.
Gold Biscuits	—268
Gold	— 65 Kgs.
Charas	— 250 kgs.
Revolver	— 2
Pistol	— 1
1993	
Silver	— 345 slabs
Semi-automatic carbine	— 1 with 1 magazine and 17 rounds of ammunition.

Safety of foreign tourists

315. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given utmost consideration to the safety of foreign tourists visiting India, and if so, what are the special measures taken so far and proposed in the future to ensure safety and security of the foreign tourists;

(b) whether Government will consider forming a special cell in CBI to monitor possible crimes against foreign tourists, devise effective guidelines for the State Governments to protect the foreign trourists and coordinate such efforts on an all India basis; and

(c) whether Government will also consider special measures to ensure protection of single tourists, particularly women, against harassment or possible crimes against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Under the VII Schedule of the Constitution of India, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. It is the responsibility of the State Police to take steps for the safety of foreign tourists visiting India as for any other person.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

Measures adopted at Delhi Airport for Safety of foreign tourists

316. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate measures exist at Delhi Airport to note down numbers and other details of taxis taking tourists and other passengers to the town and if so, what is the effect of these measures in curbing harassment and crime against tourists; and

(b) whether Government consider suggesting to all State Governments to adopt similar measures in the interest of safety to passengers, particularly foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Police has introduced a Prepaid Taxi System for taking the passengers to different destinations in Delhi. A voucher is issued to the passengers which bears the number of the taxi. This voucher is issued by a computer. The details such as time, date, name of the passenger, destination, taxi number, etc., are recorded in the computer which can be retrieved later on. The introduction of this system has reduced harassment of the tourists and excess charging by taxi drivers.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Atrocities on Harijans in U.P. and Bihar

317. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Dalit woman was disrobed and paraded naked in village in U.P. recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has been investigated;

(d) if so, with what results;

(e) whether the cases of atrocities on Harijans have increased of late in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported that on 21.1.1994 a Scheduled Caste woman, Smt. Shivpatia wife of Motilal of village Dhauna, Police Station Goorpur, District Allahabad, was paraded naked in the village by Shri Lurkhul Patel and 20-25 other persons. It has been reported that this was s sequal to an earlier incident on 16.1.1994 between the sons of the families of Lurkhul Patel and Motilal.

(c) and (d) A case (crime No. 15/94) under sections 147/148/149/345/504/506 IPC and section 3 (i) (iii) (xi) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, was registered at police station Goorpur and investigated. 22 persons were arrested including a persons named in the FIR.

A charge sheet was filed against them in the court on 7.2.94 and all of them are now in jail. Proceedings against 8 accused named in the FIR have been initiated under the National Security act and action to cancel licences for the arms involved in the incident has also been initiated. Action against the delinquent police officials has been taken.

The incident was investigated by the Chairman of the Revenue Council and his report is under examination of the State Government. Effective steps have been taken to provide security to the victim-family. Smt. Shivpatia has been provided financial assistance.

(e) A statement showing incidence of crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the years 1991-93 in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar based on the data compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau is attached as Annexure. [*See* appendix 170, Annexure No. 8]

(f) Since 'Police' and 'Public order' are state subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to take steps for preventing atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Government of India has, however, issued guidelines to all the States and Union Territories detailing the preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures to be taken to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes.

Illegal immigration from Bangladesh

318. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large-scale illegal immigration from Bangladesh is causing populaiton explosiion in the border districts of West Bengal, Bihar and also in Delhi;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to send the illegal entrants back to their country of origin; and

(c) what are the reasons to accommodate them in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is a fact that there has been illegal migration from Bangladesh in the bordering districts of West Bengal, Bihar and also in Delhi.

(b) and (c) In terms of standing instructions to all State Govts./U.T. Administrations, the State Govt. of West Bengal, Bihar and U.T. of Delhi are making strenous efforts to detect and deport Illegal Bangladeshi migrants back to Bangladesh. Besides, various measures including intensification of patrolling by the BSF, strengthening of its water wings, accelerated programme of construcion o'